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Alan M. Minsky, Q.C.
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Dear Alan:

Re: Jamaican Canadian Association Community Centre Project

I am writing as a former business manager of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, and as the president of the Jamaican Canadian Association, the largest and oldest of the community organizations serving the needs of the black and Caribbean community here in the Greater Toronto area.

The JCA recently purchased a building with 24,000 square feet of open warehouse space that requires a considerable amount of renovation to make it into a community centre which will feature, among other things, a computer training centre, academic upgrading classrooms and a gymnasium for our young people.

The total renovation costs have been projected at \$886,000. To date, through a variety of fundraising activities, we have raised close to \$250,000. We have approached a number of corporations - including the banks and they have given an accumulated total of \$70,000. The Metro Labour Council has endorsed our campaign. They have launched a "Beat the Banks" campaign with a goal of raising more than the \$70,000 that the banks have pledged.

I know like us you believe in the goal of social of justice for all and you will agree that this project is worthy of financial support from your firm.

Any financial assistance from the Koskie, Minsky will not only be greatly appreciated but a permanent form of recognition will be made somewhere in the new centre to acknowledge your contribution. Enclosed is an information brochure. Best personal regards,

Yours in solidarity,
Jamaican Canadian Association

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